



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 5, 2008

To: *Transforming Life After 50* Participating Libraries

From: Susan Hildreth, State Librarian of California

Subject: 2008/09 *Transforming Life After 50* Targeted Program

I am pleased to announce the opening of the targeted grant application cycle for the 2008/09 *Transforming Life After 50* program.

Many libraries in California have begun to explore a new framework for working with the growing number of active, older adults in their communities. This new framework offers an alternative to the predominant deficit-based model of aging and instead promotes productive aging through learning and civic engagement.

Any library jurisdiction which participated in the *Transforming Life After 50* training institute in November 2007 and which will subsequently complete a local community assessment by May 2008 is eligible to apply for a 2008/09 targeted grant proposal of up to \$20,000. These targeted grants are intended to help defray costs involved in library implementation of promising responses to the ideas and needs identified during the community assessment. Targeted proposals will be accepted and reviewed on a competitive basis with the most innovative and compelling being funded for the 2008/09 LSTA grant cycle. Guidelines and the application form are available on our web site at: http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/lsta/lsta_app_08_09.html under Targeted Grants.

The deadline for applications is June 27, 2008 with an anticipated project start date of August 1, 2008. If you have any questions about this application process or need to discuss any issues related to your assessment, please contact Suzanne Flint, Library Programs Consultant, California State Library at 916-651-9796 or sflint@library.ca.gov.